

JOHANAH Johnson Jacobs ANDERSON. **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

Johanah Johnson Jacobs Anderson, the daughter of John and Anna Johnson, was born in 1792, in Tyrsfors, Soken, Norway. The family were farmers, so her early life was spent on the farm. Her education was limited to the amount prescribed by law, which was very little. She married Swen Jacobs, with whom she had two sons, Swen and John. In 1830, the family emigrated to the New World, being among the first to leave Norway for America. Two years after their arrival, the husband died, leaving Mrs. Jacobs a widow, in the state of New York.

A few years later she married Andrew Anderson, and together they moved to La Salle County, Illinois. While here they joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, through the instrumentality of Elder George P. Dykes and others. Mrs. Anderson and her two sons, Swen and John, were baptized August 12, 1842.

May 18, 1849, the family started on the perilous trip across the plains for Utah, with ox teams, arriving in Salt Lake City, October 31, 1849. On the Sweetwater they were overtaken by a raging snowstorm, and lost a great number of their cattle, and but for the timely arrival of help from the valley, they would have been unable to continue the journey. The next two and a half years were spent in Session Settlement, and in the spring of 1852 the family moved to Lehi.

Grandma Jacobs, as she was affectionately called, spent the remainder of her days in Lehi, administering cheer and comfort to the sick and bereaved. She was eminently successful as a midwife, and a great deal of her time was taken up with this work. She died at the home of her son, John, December 17, 1878, aged 86 years.